

South Los Angeles Industrial Tract BID
Interim Board of Directors Meeting
August 30, 2007 at 11:00am
Palette Masters, 655 East Florence

In attendance: Duke Dulgarian, Greg Goodman, Barry Croxen, Steve Stone, Matt Mullen, Oscar Ixco, Renea Ferrel, Sandra Sunday, Leon Thomas, Brandy Chappell, David Edwards, Oscar Avina, Susan Levi, Tracy Krauss, Kerri Paoletti

- I. Meeting called to order 11:45 am
- II. **Introductions** – Introductions were made
- III. **Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve minutes as written by Goodman/Croxen carried unanimously.**
- IV. **Public Comments** – None
- V. **Security**
 - a. **Security Camera Update** – David Mitchell of Pro911 gave a presentation demonstrating the capabilities of the camera system. The board must adopt specific policies regarding the monitoring of the cameras with regards to business owners and Mitchell strongly suggested setting up interim policies and adjustments can be made as needed. Dulgarian asked if the BID could set up a meeting and invite all of the stakeholders so that they may see the camera demonstration. Dulgarian indicated that people he spoke with to support the BID are not happy with him due to the cameras not being functional yet. Levi asked when the gate arms would be done. Ixco stated that the equipment in the security office would be completed within the next week and then the gate arms would be repaired within the next 30 days. The last cameras on Slauson and Avalon will be installed once Symis obtains a street closure permit and this should also be done within the next 30 days. Ixco stated the booth would be completely replaced and a purchase order would be issued within the next 2 weeks. Once that is issued the booth would be manufactured and delivered. Ixco stated the meeting should be scheduled in a couple of months to allow for the cameras to be totally operational. The board stated they are all comfortable with the presentation they saw today from Pro911 and it should be done for all of the stakeholders. Levi stated the next board meeting is scheduled for 2 weeks from now and suggested moving it to October so it could be put in the next newsletter. Dulgarian asked if Levi has the email addresses for the businesses in the BID. Avina stated he has been collecting this information over the past several months and has some of them.
 - b. **UPS Update** – Avina presented the crime statistics for the months of July and August. Dulgarian asked if LAPD came to make arrests. Avina stated sometimes there is not enough evidence for LAPD to make an arrest so they release the suspect with a warning. Croxen stated that according to the crime

stats from the LAPD website it seemed there is no activity within the BID boundaries but there is activity on the periphery. Avina stated this may be due to the website not being updated as there have been some incidents in the BID area. Avina stated that UPS does make arrests and calls LAPD but they don't always take the arrest. Croxen stated it appears that the BID area is getting better and it makes him feel safer. Mullen asked what "observations" refer to on the UPS stats. Avina stated that is when they are watching a crowd for activity or a specific area. Edwards stated the cameras and signage will be a good deterrent for crime in the area. Edwards asked how much gang activity is in the BID area. Avina stated the gang activity in the BID is mostly the drag racing. Levi stated that LAPD has done stings and have confiscated cars but the racing continues. Edwards suggested focusing on those streets initially with the cameras. Stone asked if the license plates of the cars were good enough to identify the driver. Edwards stated that is assuming the person driving is the owner of the vehicle. Stone asked about identifying perpetrators in stolen vehicles. Edwards stated they could arrest the person for possession of stolen property but it's difficult to get a conviction. Levi asked if there is a Tagger's Task Force in the area. Edwards stated there is not and security would have to call LAPD. Chappell informed Avina that he should speak with a gang officer with regards to tagging. Levi stated that security does not approach gang members and instead calls LAPD.

- c. **Toyota Tacoma Pick-up Truck** – Levi informed the board that security has been picking up bulky items and were using a private vehicle, which could be a liability. UPS has been providing a pick up truck but it is an additional \$100 per month in order to keep it and the board needs to approve the expenditure. **Motion to approve the \$100 per month for the pick up truck by Croxen/Stone carried unanimously.**
- d. **Speed Humps Update** – Levi stated the LA Municipal Code only allows for speed humps in residential areas. Chappell stated there are many rules regarding speed humps, such as height restrictions, due to potential lawsuits by drivers of vehicles damaged by the humps.
- e. **Illegal Car Sales** – Chappell stated that illegal car sales in the area have been a problem for at least 2 years and the council office has been getting numerous complaints from businesses in the area. Chappell stated she has observed the illegal car sales along Gage and correcting this issue has been a problem. Chappell stated that the council office would like to do a sweep and they are currently taking care of the legalities involved. 30 days prior to doing the sweep the council office must post signage that they intend to do a sweep in the area. A DMV inspector must also be present. Chappell stated the council office will need to be creative in how to approach this issue and it is being worked out with the city attorney's office. Chappell stated the area needs effective parking restrictions and would like to know what the needs are for specific businesses in the area. Croxen asked what would happen if the car sales are happening on private property and if the property owner could be held accountable. Dulgarian stated that the property owner is most likely

unaware of the illegal car sales. Edwards stated if it is on private property the property owner could be contacted to help the situation. Krauss will email the property owner list to Edwards. Chappell stated that when dealing with cars on private property the Bureau of Street Services will tow the car and crush it the same day whereas DOT will only tow the vehicle. Chappell stated the Municipal Code states that if there are 2 or more cars for sale on any street it is illegal. Chappell stated that once the problem is resolved she would like to ensure it does not return. Levi asked if the car sales are only on weekends. Avina stated they are selling cars all hours and it is occurring right now. Avina asked what could be done with regards to food vendors. Chappell stated that is a health department issue. Avina will send Chappell the information as to where they are located. Krauss asked about having permit parking in the area. Chappell stated that the Municipal Code does not allow for permit parking in commercial or industrial areas and if the board would like to consider changing the code to speak with the council office. Levi stated she would send a survey to the business owners asking their preference on parking restrictions.

VI. Maintenance Services

- a. **Update** – Levi stated that LACC was emptying the roll-off been every week and a half. Avina stated the bin is currently being emptied every 2 weeks now and the dumping has slowed down.

VII. New Business

- a. Levi informed the board that Krauss is moving back to New York and this is her final board meeting.

VIII. Next Meeting Date – The next meeting is on September 14th but will be postponed until the Annual Meeting in October.

IX. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm